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Dear Parent / Carer / Students

We are writing to inform you of some changes to the dates of the scheduled Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions for this academic year. Earlier in the year, you will have received some communication with dates for Duke of Edinburgh training and Expeditions that fell in lesson time. These dates have now changed.

All future training and Expeditions will now take place outside of the school day to ensure students do not miss valuable time in the classroom. It also supports the ethos of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in that students are volunteering their time at weekends to develop their personal skills, as well as gaining some incredible life-experience. As this will require the need for external companies to work with your children, there will also be an increased cost for the Expeditions.

Details of the new dates and costs are as follows:

Bronze students (Y9)		Silver students (Y10)	
Cost for training & Expedition: £100		Cost for training & Expedition: £190	
Dates of events		Dates of events	
Sunday, 16/5/21	Training Day	Sunday, 16/5/21	Training Day
		Sat-Sun, 3-4/7/21	Silver practice Expedition (will count as bronze qualifying)
Sat-Sun, 17-18/7/21	Bronze assessed Expedition	Sat-Mon, 17-19/7/21	Silver assessed Expedition

We understand that this year has been a challenging one for everyone and as a result, your child may no longer wish to continue with their DofE Award. However, please be aware that it is possible for your child to still receive some form of certification without partaking in the Expedition and incurring the additional costs that this section brings. In order to do this, your child would need to complete the 3 remaining sections of the Award: Volunteering; Skills and Physical. On completion, they would then be eligible to receive a Certificate of Achievement.

In order to support with our planning of the training and Expeditions, please could you complete the quick survey at this link: <https://forms.gle/9C5sugEnkoUwa3F58>. This will take no longer than 5 minutes and must be completed for all students already enrolled by Friday, 30th April 2021.

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding and we look forward to supporting you all through your next stage of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Should you have any further questions after completing the survey, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to office@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.

